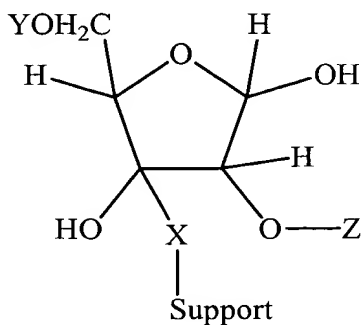


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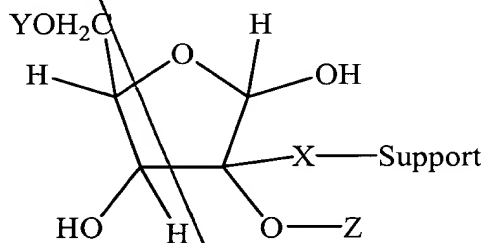
wherein X is an alkyl radical;

Y is a purine or pyrimidine base;

Z is hydrogen or a protecting group; and

Support is the solid support.

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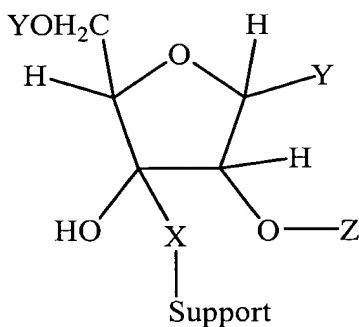
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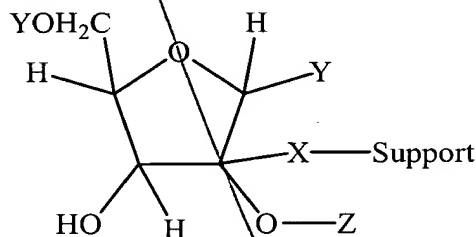
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106. (New) A solid support for the solid phase synthesis of polynucleotides attached to a compound of the formula:



wherein X is an alkyl radical;
Y is a purine or pyrimidine base;
Z is hydrogen or a protecting group; and
Support is the solid support.

107. (New) A solid support for the solid phase synthesis of polynucleotides attached to a compound of the formula:



wherein X is an alkyl radical;
Y is a purine or pyrimidine base;
Z is hydrogen or a protecting group; and
Support is the solid support. --

REMARKS

Applicants would first like to thank Examiner Crane for the courtesy extended during his interview with Drs. David Bradfute and Max Bachrach, attorneys for Applicants, on May 9, 2000.

Claims 104-107 are now pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 80-103 have been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute them in one or more continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part